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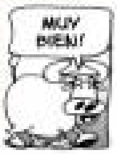
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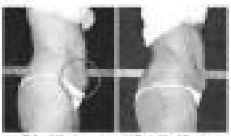
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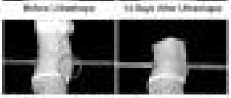
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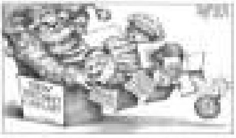




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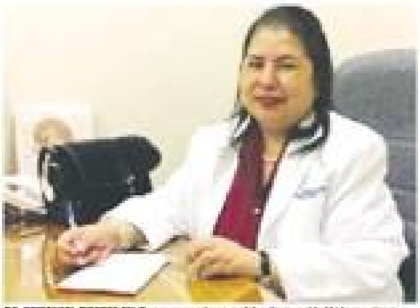
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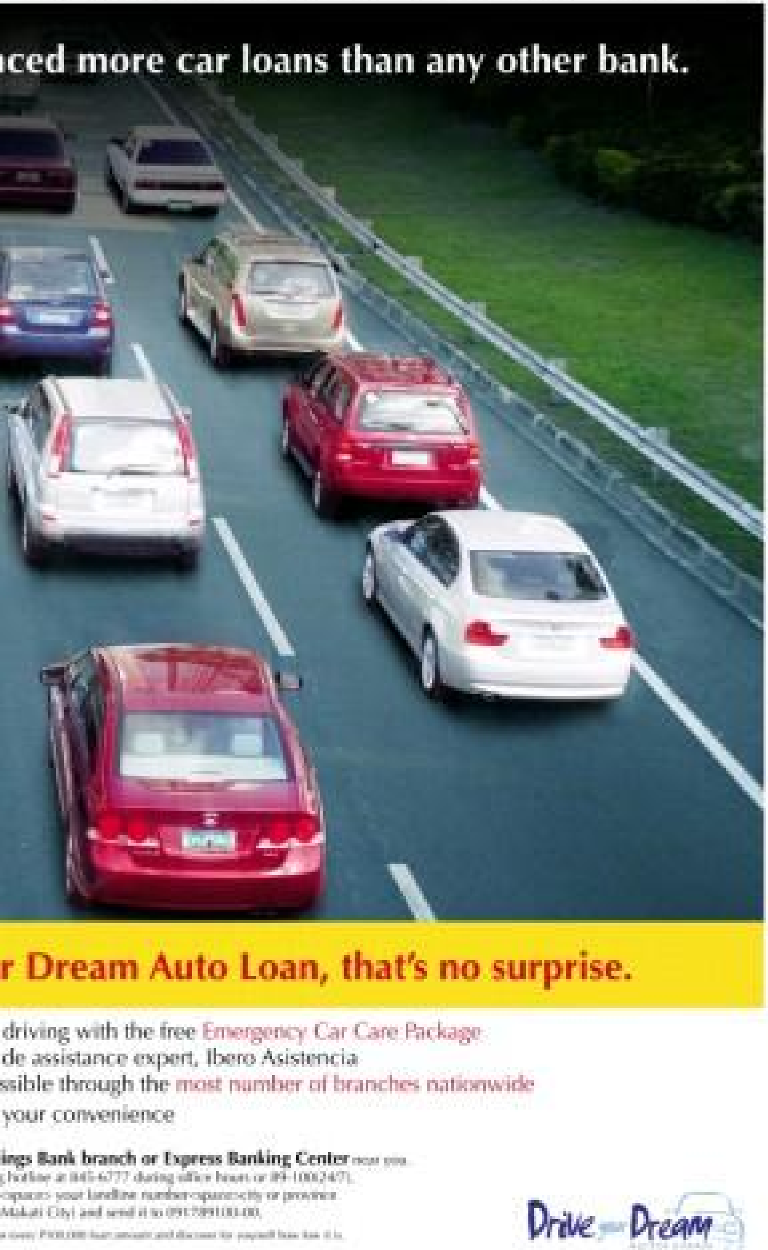
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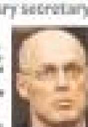
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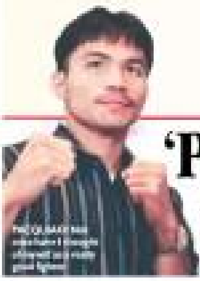
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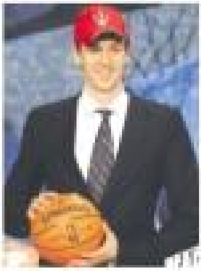
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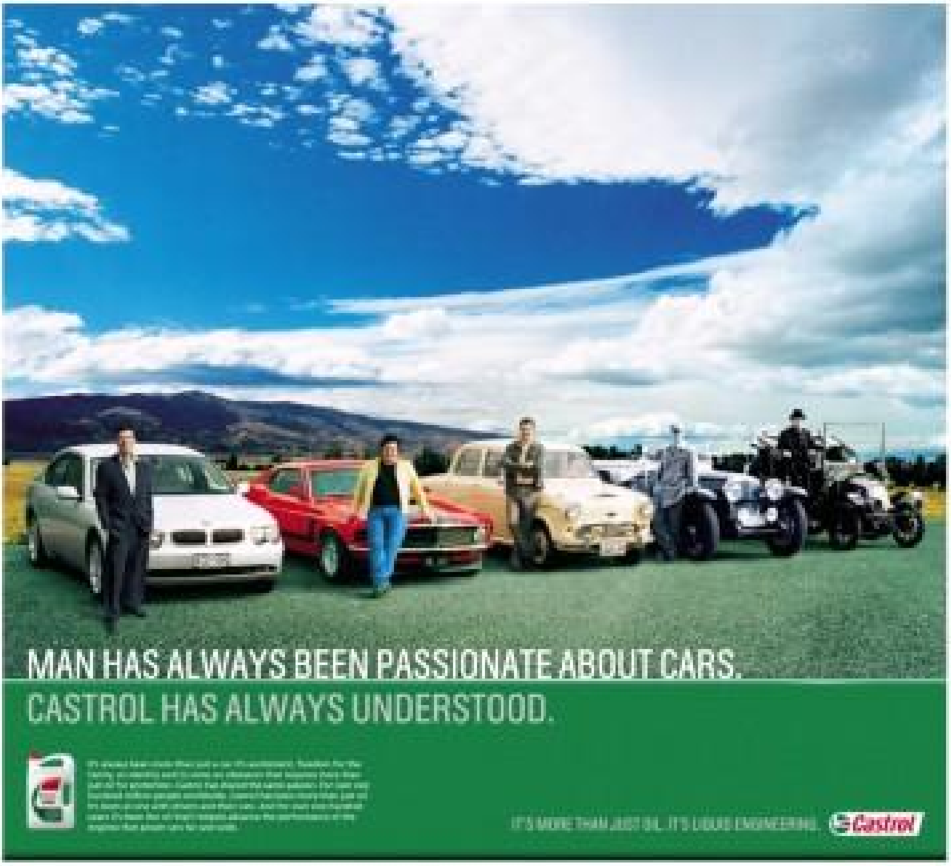
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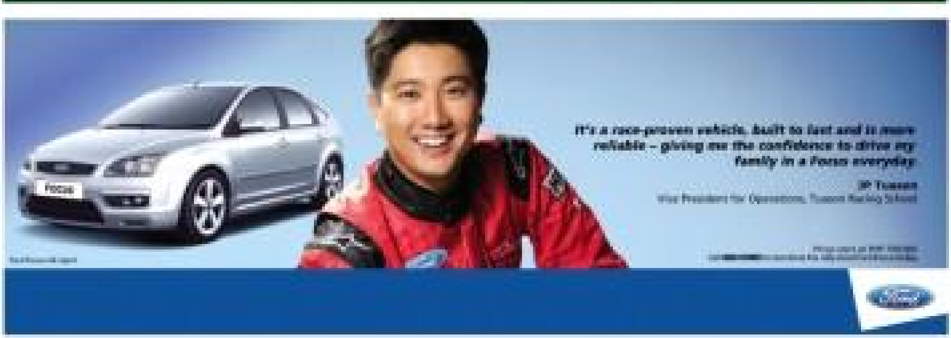
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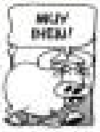


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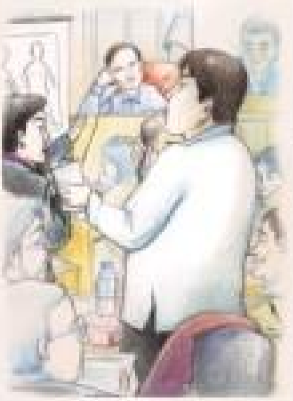
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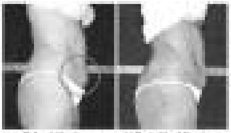


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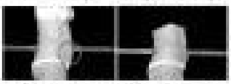
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Echegaray, who died by lethal injection on Feb. 5, 1999, was the first convict to be executed after Republic Act No. 7659, also known as the Death Penalty Law, was approved in December 1993. (Last week, President Macapagal-Arroyo signed a law abolishing capital punishment before she left for Europe.)

Echegaray was accused of raping his 10-year-old daughter (or stepdaughter, as his relatives claimed in court) several times in their house in Quezon City in April 1994. The Quezon City Regional Trial Court, then under the late Judge Maximo Asuncion, meted out the death sentence in September 1994.

The Supreme Court affirmed the court's decision in June 1996.

Exchange of letters

Carpio's rebuttals were contained in two letters, dated June 19 and June 21, that he sent to Panganiban. The Chief Justice defended his stand, with an appeal to "agree to disagree," in his replies dated June 19 and June 26.

Associate Justices were furnished copies of the exchanges, according to a note on the letters, copies of which were obtained by reporters.

"Sadly, the Chief Justice's change, and continued insistence, that the court in Echegaray committed a 'judicial error,' even if untrue could, in the words of Sen. Edgardo Angara, 'shake the people's faith in the judiciary,'" Carpio wrote, adding:

"This is a self-inflicted blow on the judiciary's credibility, particularly that of the court."

In his first letter, Carpio said the decisions that would have [illegible] Echegaray came after the Supreme Court had ruled on the case.

Power to prophesy?

"To hold that the court in Echegaray should have applied a future decision would require the court to possess the power to prophesy. No court or judge possesses such power," he said.

Carpio said that the tribunal's ruling followed existing doctrines and thus it decided on the case correctly.

In reply, Panganiban said the Supreme Court had failed to apply an "existing, basic, long-established criminal law doctrine" that what is alleged in the information or complaint must be proved.

He said that in ruling on Echegaray's case, the tribunal failed to prove that Echegaray was the victim's father as alleged and what was only proved was that he was the lover of the victim's mother.

"In short, since the alleged qualifying circumstance of father-daughter relationship was not proven, then the crime committed was only simple, not qualified rape, and the penalty should be reclusion perpetua," Panganiban said.

No place in society

The Chief Justice insisted on his main point that the death penalty had no place in society because it could not be modified should the doctrine change or be reversed with the discovery of an error.

Carpio countered that the court had concluded that Echegaray was "either the father or stepfather" of the victim.

"What was alleged in the information—that the victim was the 'daughter' of the accused—was proven as the court expressly declared that the accused was either the father or stepfather of the victim," he said.

In his second letter to Carpio, Panganiban maintained that the tribunal failed to make a definite decision on the real relationship between Echegaray and his victim. Specific allegations must be proven beyond reasonable doubt, he said.

Reasonable doubt

Panganiban also said that even if granted, for the sake of argument, that Echegaray was the father, stepfather or grandfather of the victim, he questioned if it was a finding that was beyond reasonable doubt.

"Was such an uncertain, indefinite finding or conclusion judicially or jurisprudentially sufficient, acceptable and correct? Was that a finding beyond reasonable doubt?" he said.

In concluding his letter, Panganiban said he was not blaming the individual justices or the court.

"I was not accusing anyone of any fault. Again, my main point is simply that, fallible as humans are, members of the court make occasional mistakes. Thus, litigating and irreversibly carrying out the death penalty should have no place in our statute books," he said.

Academic

Panganiban also said he did not want an endless debate on the matter. In his first letter, he noted that the matter might have become academic because of the death penalty abolition.

"You have your view; I have mine. As we always say, let us just agree to disagree without being disagreeable," Panganiban said.



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PNP: Albano case solved in 3 days

By DJ Yap

POLICE GAVE THEMSELVES THREE DAYS within which to solve the murder of Ilagan, Isabela Mayor Delfinito Albano.



SCENE STEALER

Soldiers seal 4-km Bulusan danger zone

ROUNDUP

Escapee shot, killed

Firecracker factory burns

Cops in robberies

Cop chief sacked over gambling

US ship transports aid

11 towns under calamity state as bugs spread



Bulacan mining firm loses license

Fear of cultists keeps kids away from schools





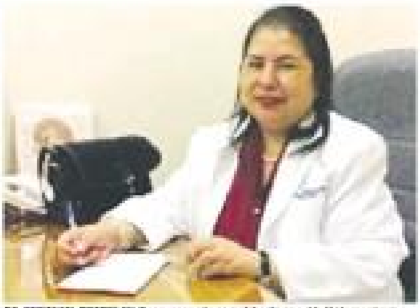
CBCP backs bishop who filed impeach case vs GMA

Vidal joins One Voice

Pacquiao: Please come to my fight

5 bruises 'consistent' with rape, says doctor





Doctor brightens bleak ...

Making a difference

Eye for patients in distress

Growing kidney cases

Haunted by questions

Toughest struggle



UP alumni want to make RP clean, 'like Switzerland'

Mike II's sister now heads PNCC





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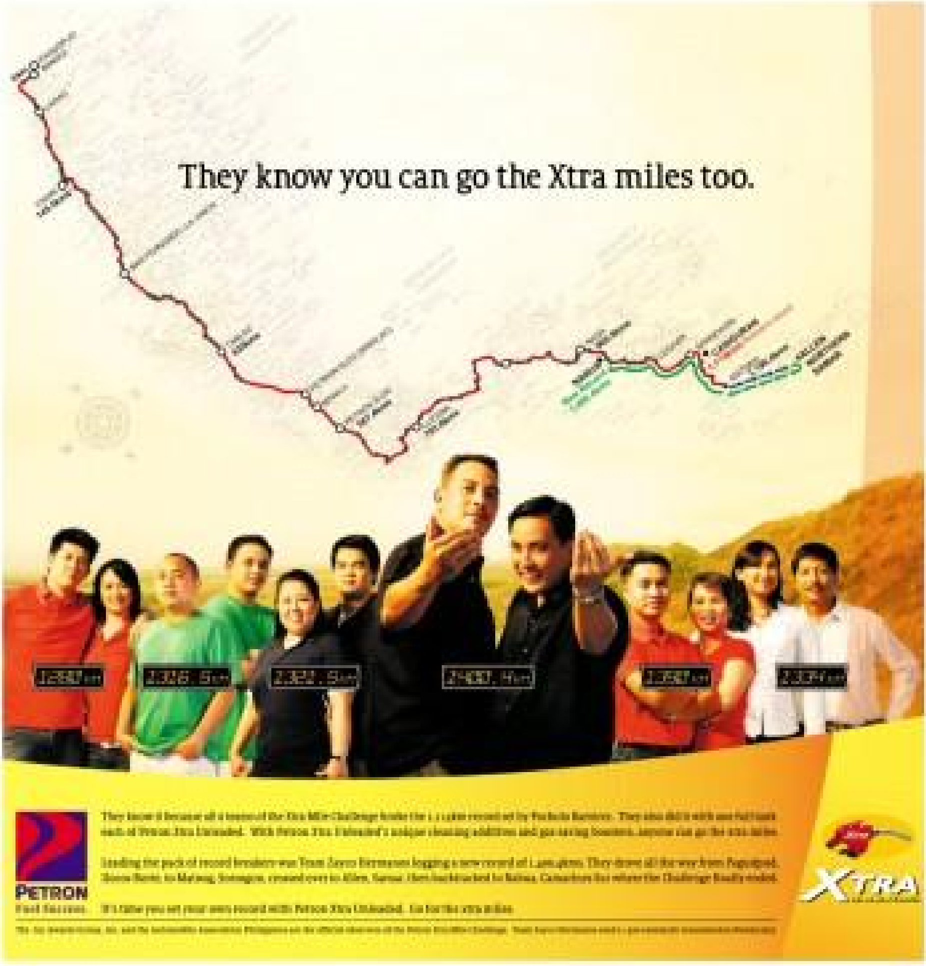
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Editor Ester G. Dipasupil



NBI Deputy Director Edmund Arugay: Poor performance by bureau head

NBI agents want their boss out

Association claims Mantaring running a 'stagnant' bureau

By Margaux C. Ortiz



ACTING NBI Director Mantaring: Nothing personal about internal reshuffle

WHAT'S INSIDE

Van 'explodes' in Mandaluyong as drill takes off



DID YOU KNOW

Japanese man stabbed dead by brother-in-law

METROBRIEFS

Dog owner sues fake vet

Mart supervisor jailed

Fête de la musique

Putin to spies: Kill killers of envoys



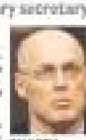
WorldBriefs



18 die in eastern US floods

Millions hungry in Africa

New US treasury secretary



N. Zealand cool on migrants

The WORLD

Israel seizes Hamas Cabinet ministers

GAZA—ISRAEL SEIZED HAMAS CABINET MINISTERS IN THE OCCUPIED West Bank on Thursday as it prepared to broaden a military offensive into the northern Gaza Strip, pressuring Palestinian militants to release a kidnapped soldier.





Reuters

Anglican leader sees church schism over gay bishop row

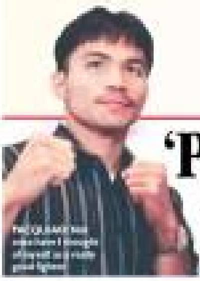
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Iraq captures alleged Shiite shrine bomber

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SPORTS

'Pacquiao's special'





By Francis Ochoa

'Pacquiao's special'

Bulls, Aces aim for the clincher



Eala stands firm on walkout decision



EALA

A win would mean lots of money—Larios

SPORTSWATCH

Pasay Cockpit super derby today

UBBA 3-cock submission of weights

Hatawan 6-cocker starts tomorrow

One-on-one with racing czar Fianza

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo B. Iñigo



Ozamiz five tackles Batang Tagaytay July 6

Basso finally rides out of Lance's shadow

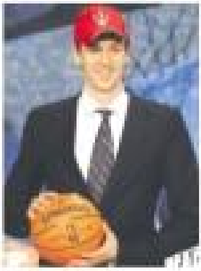
Federer advances

Women's top seeds crush foes

WIMBLEDON, England—If Roger Federer is playing this well now, just imagine how good he'll be by the end of the Wimbledon fortnight.



SHARAPOVA



BARGNANI First overall

NBA DRAFT

Raptors tab Italian with No. 1 pick

It's an old World Cup rivalry in quarterfinals

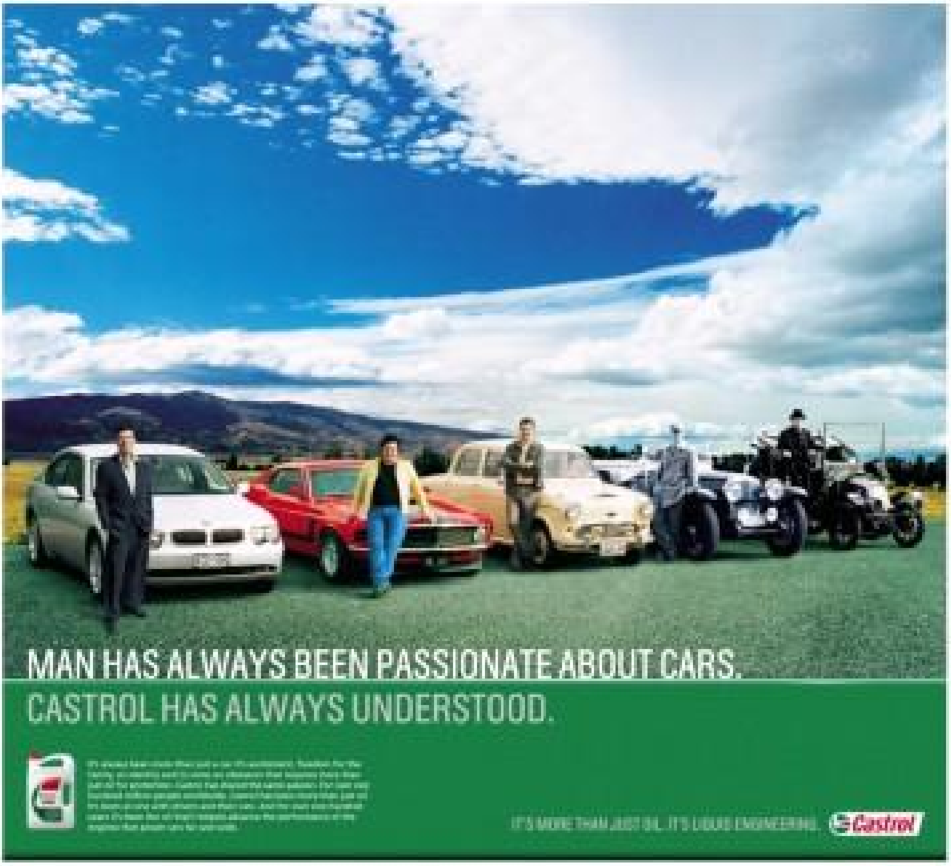
SSC arranges final vs DLSU

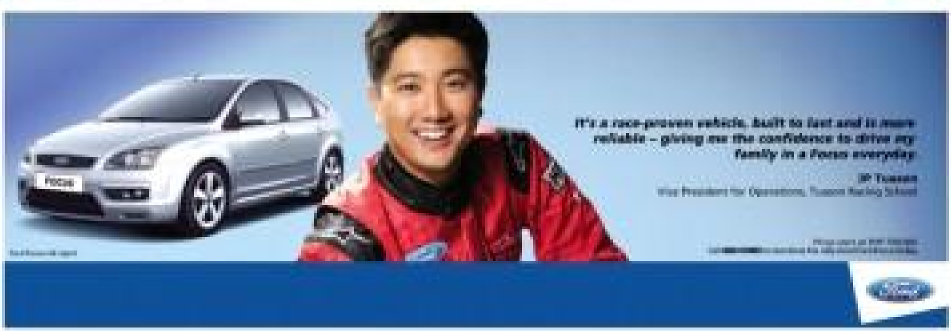
By Marc Anthony Reyes

SPORTS



Altas eye solo lead



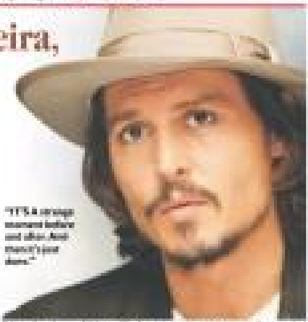


ENTERTAINMENT

Depp on kissing Keira, singing in a movie



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD







Depp on kissing Keira, singing in a movie

Eula Valdez: I must have done something really good



KATRINA HALILI

Not so Lucky Me

2 years in a row

More for Sam

RUSHES

Honeymoon begins

Goldie's daughter



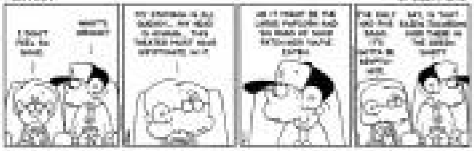
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Nokia N70 Scoops Top Industry Accolade

World's Top Selling 3G Device Named 'Best Mobile Entertainment Handset'

Comic Relief

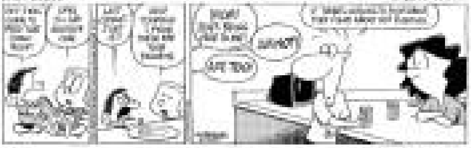
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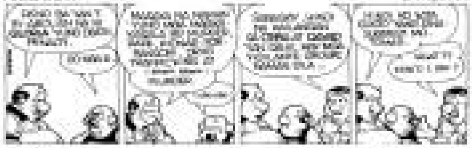
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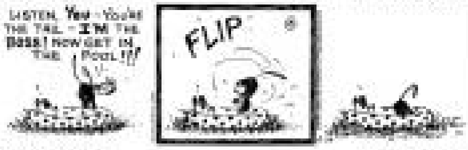
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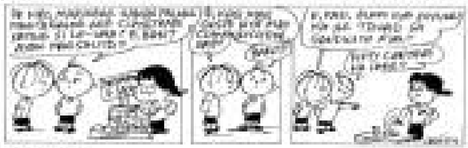
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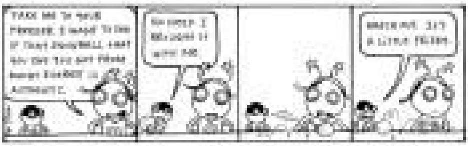


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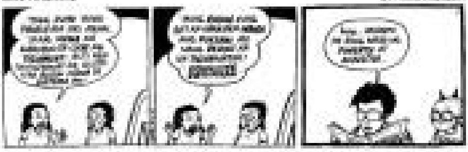


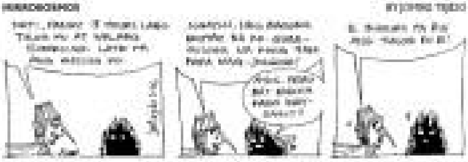
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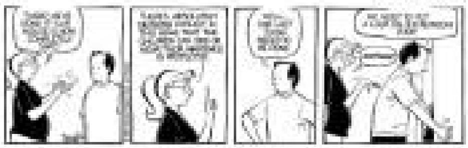




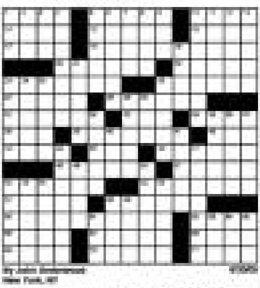


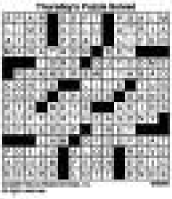
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DAILY CROSSWORD





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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



SHOW TIME

mrGod & Co

THE BAND CALLED mrGod & Co, which regrouped and performed in a reunion gig last year, is the main act in a benefit concert, titled "Innabitama Mi Verde," tomorrow at the Alegria Ballroom of the Manila Pavilion Hotel.

The members of mrGod & Co are [illegible] Villanueva, [illegible] de Castro, [illegible], [illegible] (vocals), [illegible] (bass guitarist), [illegible] (lead guitarist) and [illegible] Moreno (drummer).

Adult school

"[illegible] Mi Verde," is organized by La Salle High School batches 1968, 1968 and 1969. Proceeds of the show will benefit the La Salle Greenhills (LSGH) Foundation and the La Salle Adult Night School.

According to Villanueva, the LSGH has been organizing outreach programs in the past years. "But only this year has a foundation been formed and named after the school."

The foundation aims to grant scholarships to indigent children.

mrGod & Co was formed in 1969 as De LaSalle University's high school band. It broke up five years later, with each member joining other bands. Villanueva sided in bands with such groups as [illegible], Birds of if God and, later, The [illegible] bands with De Castro.

Villanueva and De Castro appeared in TV shows like "[illegible] Look, Listen," "[illegible] Powell TV Show," and "[illegible] Philippines TV."

Moreno was a member of the [illegible] Jazz Band with [illegible].

Face-off

Last year, mrGod & Co regrouped and performed in what Villanueva called, "a face-off with a band from [illegible]," at the [illegible] Bar of [illegible] Oriental Hotel.

[illegible] performed with mrGod & Co for the gig.

Tomorrow's guest performers are [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], with [illegible] as keyboardist.

Today

• [illegible] in "[illegible]" at the [illegible] Shangri-La. Call [illegible].

• [illegible] with guest [illegible] at [illegible], Angeles, Pampanga.

• [illegible] in [illegible] at [illegible] Bar.

• [illegible] album launch at [illegible] Bar.

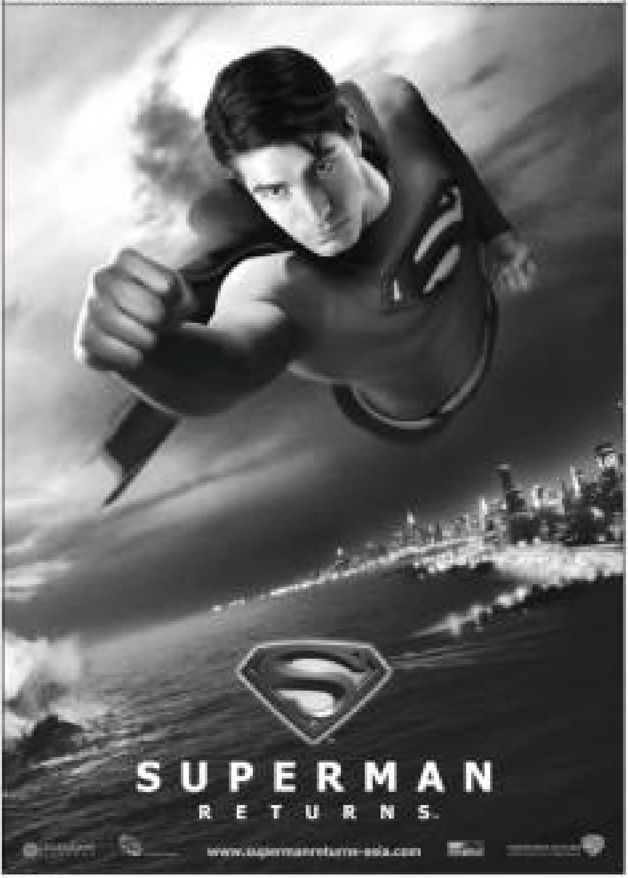
• [illegible] at [illegible] on the Square.

• [illegible] World Tour in [illegible] City.

• "MTV Live [illegible]" at Cafe [illegible] featuring [illegible] and [illegible].

• [illegible] at SM South Edsa.











Did You Know..

More than a stalker

LOS ANGELES— [illegible] AP





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Men, music & masquerades

A chat with '70s icons, the Village People

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

"DISCO NEVER DIED. THEY JUST CHANGED its name," says the Village People, the iconic sextet who became known for their hits "In the Navy," "YMCA," "You Can't Stop the Music" and "Macho Man." [illegible]

[illegible]

How has the group changed musically?

[illegible]

How diverse are your fans?

[illegible] "YMCA."

How does it feel to be gay icons?

[illegible]

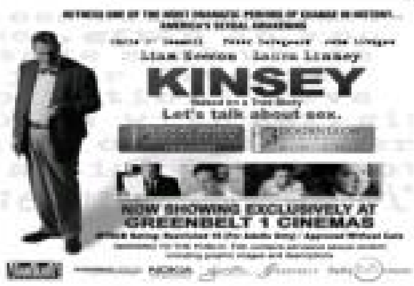
How different is it to be a popular group that has gay members?

[illegible]

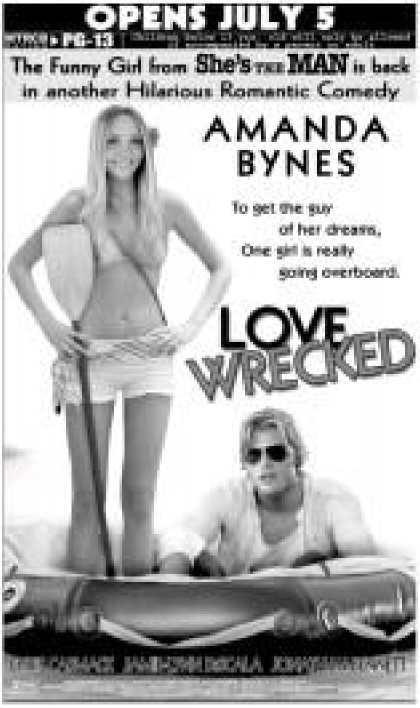
Please describe your place in the music scene now, as opposed to disco's heyday.

[illegible]



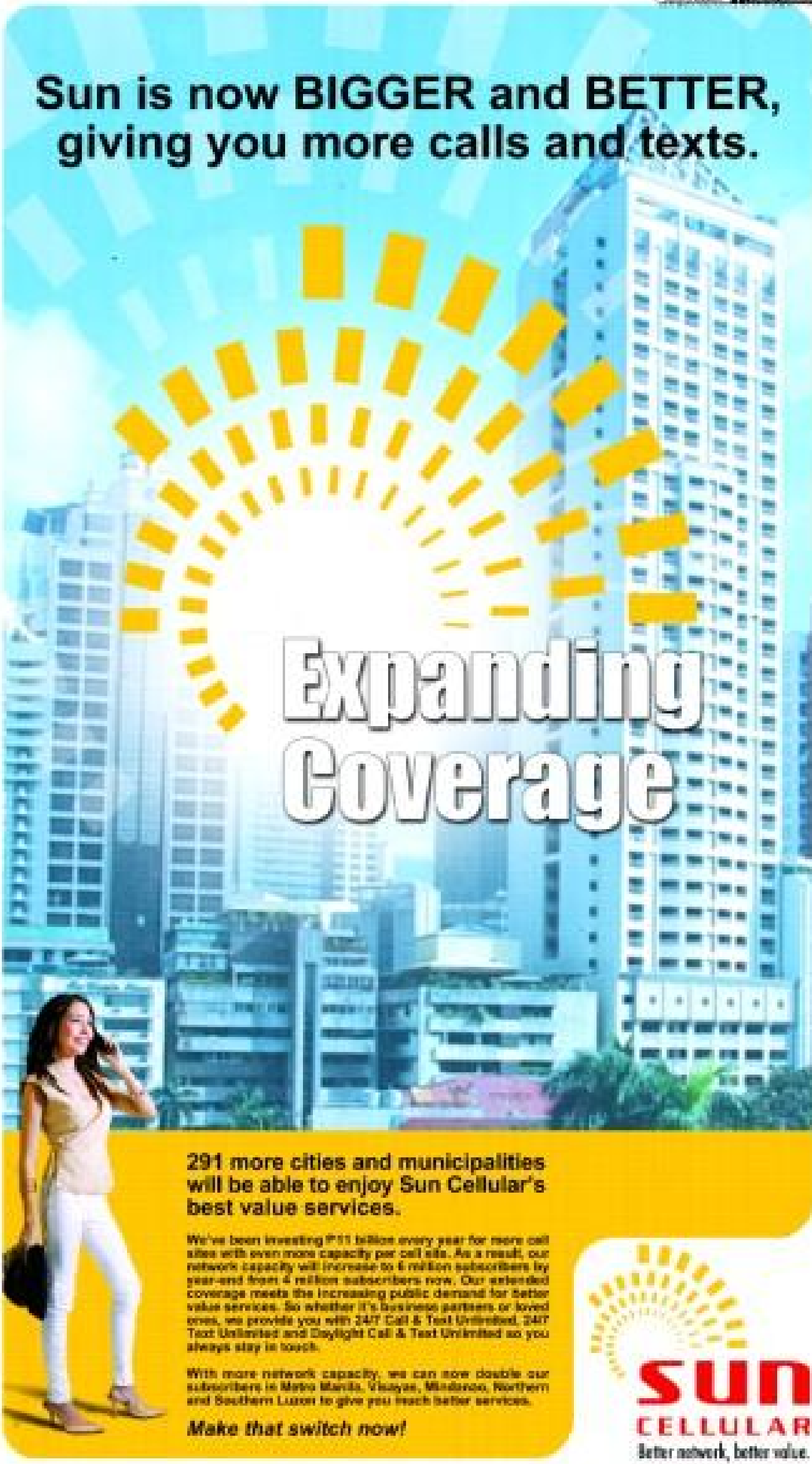






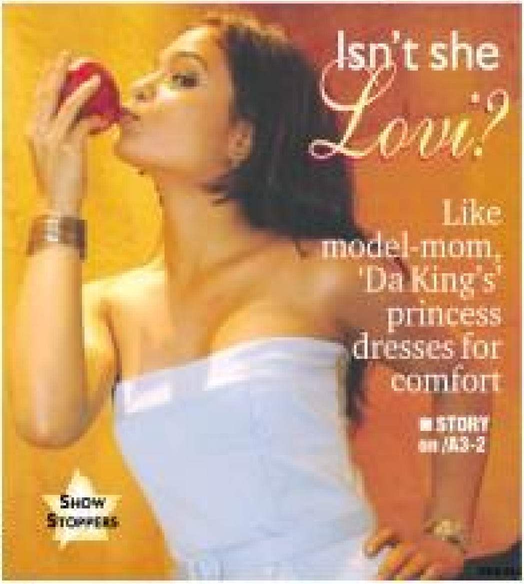






Sun is now BIGGER and BETTER, giving you more calls and texts.
Expanding Coverage
291 more cities and municipalities will be able to enjoy Sun Cellular's best value services.
We've been investing ₱11 billion every year for more call sites with even more capacity per call site. As a result, our network capacity will increase to 6 million subscribers by year-end from 4 million subscribers now. Our extended coverage meets the increasing public demand for better value services. So whether it's business partners or loved ones, we provide you with 24/7 Call & Text Unlimited, 24/7 Text Unlimited and Daylight Call & Text Unlimited so you always stay in touch.
With more network capacity, we can now double our subscribers in Metro Manila, Visayas, Mindanao, Northern and Southern Luzon to give you much better services.
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STARS Living

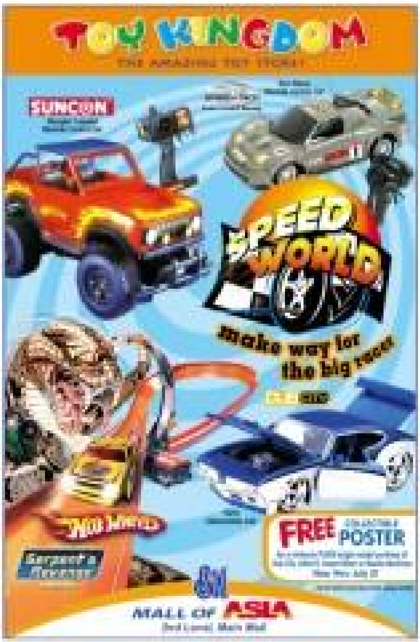


Isn't she Lovi?

Like model-mom, 'Da King's' princess dresses for comfort

■ STORY on /A3-2

SHOW STOPPERS



Success!

WHEN IS A PARTY successful?

Let's look at this one.

A tiff between two industry giants was settled, a chick flick with a powerhouse cast was cooked up, laughter rose above all other sounds.

[illegible], birthday girl, marked her, uh, she "stopped counting at 21"... with dinner



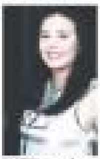
STAR girl [illegible]

PARTY! PARTY!

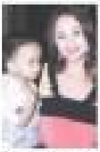
at Le Souffle in Rockwell, hosted by aesthetic surgeon Manny Calayan and his dermatologist wife Pie.

The guest list was impressive, even by [illegible] glam standards. The friends again... big wigs are Lily Monteverde and Wilson Tieng. We can probably expect Gretchen Barretto, Dawn Zulueta, Pops Fernandez and [illegible] to topbill the chick flick, to be directed by [illegible].

Stars Living was there.



PRETTY guest Dawn Zulueta

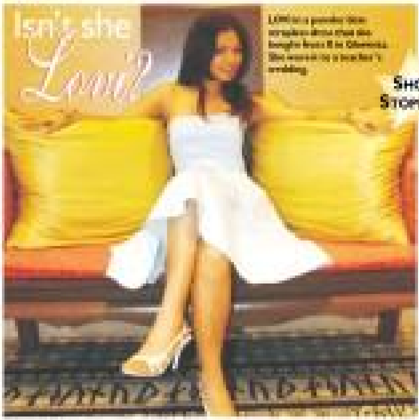


DOTING [illegible] and [illegible]



TWO MORE pretty guests, Gretchen Barretto and Pops Fernandez





SHOW STOPPERS

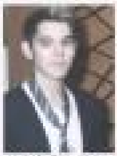
"IT DEPENDS ON MY mood," 17-year-old singer Lourdes Virginia "Lovi" Poe came up ... her fashion sense.





PARTY! PARTY!









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KRIS with actor-director Eric Quizon, who may do the next big chick flick.



HELLO, Jean Saburit!

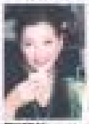




PINKY Amador and Maribeth Bichara

one-scan dance





PINKY Marquez



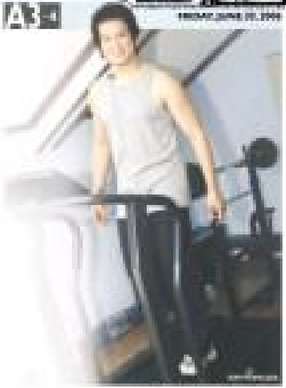
THE REGIME' Biometric challenge



Janice de Belen

Maria Ressa





For music & muscles

JOEY GENEROSO

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Before our house was built, my wife and I already agreed that the attic would be my space. That is where I keep my workout equipment and musical instruments. I do my cardio and weight training there when I have no time to go to the gym. I exercise for about two hours. I have two treadmills. Sometimes, my wife joins me. Working out at home is really convenient. The shower room is just downstairs, I can eat whenever I want, plus, I don't have to dress up. I can wear my oldest shirts and shorts.

FAVORITE NOOKS

■ Taipans lose SC cases /B3

BUSINESS

BSP keeps rates unchanged

CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE



Stocks up

US Fed seen raising interest rate today

THE POLICY-MAKING MONETARY BOARD OF THE BANGKO SENtral ng Pilipinas yesterday decided to keep key overnight interest rates unchanged despite pressures from an expected increase in US Fed rates.

Peso continues to weaken on interest rate worries

WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Franchising is alive and well in RP /B5

■ Gov't lowers borrowing target /B12



National Bookstore expands overseas

SSS amenable to joint sale of stake in EPCIBank

Awaits high court decision on pensioners' suit

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Taipans lose SC cases

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Sy wins Tuscany round

Money-go-round

Heard through the grapevine

Peso continues to weaken …

B4 BUSINESS

Gokongwei firm to raise $475M for petrochem plant

Disclosures

National Bookstore . . .

Empowerment through transfer of technology

By Ernesto H. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

[illegible]

Better variety

[illegible]

Thinking 'out of the box'

[illegible]

Far-reaching

[illegible]

Franchising is alive and well in RP

By [illegible]

FRANCHISING HAS SEEN significant growth in the past couple of years, [illegible]



JOBEL DE AYALA

Ayala unit buying 11% of e-Telecare for ₱800M

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

AYALA CORP. YESTERDAY SAID ITS NEWLY formed technology holding firm, LiveIt Solutions Inc., would acquire 11 percent of call center operator e-Telecare Global Solutions for P800 million.

In a statement, Ayala said the acquisition would be done through LiveIt's special purpose vehicle called New Bridge International Investment Ltd.

LiveIt Solutions is a holding firm formed by Ayala Corp. recently to handle its investments in the business process outsourcing sector.

e-Telecare started operations in 2000 and is one of the leading call center companies in Asia.

With over 7,000 employees in 12 call centers in the Philippines and the United States, the company posted $45 million in revenue and $1.7 million in operating income for the first quarter of 2006.

LiveIt seeks to invest in companies that provide complex, non-voice customer services and in research and analysis, legal, financial and healthcare industries.

The company plans to focus on BPO companies in the US, Philippines and India which have well-developed customer relationships in the international market and the potential to leverage Philippines' large pool of skilled professionals.

Ayala chair Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala said: "We are very positive about this foray into the BPO sector. This is an area where the Philippines has a strong competitive advantage given our wealth of talent, strong communication skills and well developed telecom infrastructure. We are actively seeking additional opportunities that will enable us to provide highly value-added services."

Ayala recently appointed Alfredo I. Ayala as CEO of LiveIt.

ROUND-UP

CebuPac's P99 seat sale

BUDGET CARRIER CEBU PACIFIC AIR INC. is offering a "seat sale" of P99 per one-way ticket to any of [illegible] domestic destinations [illegible] over a [illegible]-day period.

The P99 Seat Sale is available for flights from Manila to Butuan, Zamboanga, Roxas, Tacloban, Laoag, Iloilo and Cebu [illegible].

The sale period started Wednesday and will run until July [illegible], 2006, for travel during the off-peak season from July [illegible] to Oct. [illegible], 2006.

The P99 one-way fare is for immediate payment upon booking and is exclusive of surcharges and government tax.

Like all the airline's previous seat sale events, the tickets would be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. [illegible]

Law firm inauguration

[illegible] Law Firm will have its formal inauguration on June 20, 2006 with a thanksgiving cocktail reception for clients and friends.

[illegible] offers a broad and integrated range of services [illegible] in the fields of corporate, taxation, litigation, labor and immigration.

Founding partners [illegible] offer the benefits of years of experience gained in [illegible] law practice.

The firm's other lawyers are [illegible].

Book on RP cities, provinces

[illegible], which showcases [illegible] in the local market, is coming out with a book that will help boost investment and tourism [illegible] cities and provinces in the country, organizers said yesterday.

[illegible], president of [illegible] Marketing International Inc., said the coffee table book, entitled "Outstanding Cities and Provinces of the Philippines," would [illegible] the attractions of various places in the country.

[illegible] aimed at drawing in domestic and international audiences [illegible] capital and leisure [illegible] cities and provinces.

"In the process, [illegible] guide to places in the Philippines that are compellingly [illegible] to visit," [illegible] added. [illegible]

Solon seeks changes in setting revenue targets

Disputes seen to occur as soon as authorities enforce Lateral Attrition law at the end of '06

Mining firm wins environmental points from gov't

Call centers dangle fatter paychecks for skilled few

Official says 120 firms tap the same talent pool that is not getting any deeper



Bayantel mobile phone business dream still alive

Bayan readying ...



RP's consumption-driven economy boosts franchising

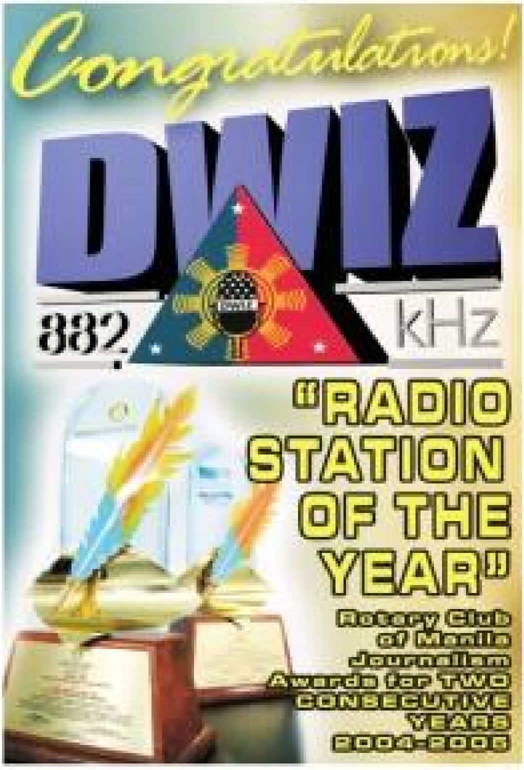
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International networking

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One-stop shop

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A DAY OF FRESHNESS WITH PH CARE

[illegible]



MANILA JAYCEES TREATS BASECO TONDO KIDS

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KITARO RECIPIENT OF GLOBAL BRANDS PHILIPPINES AWARD

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Business

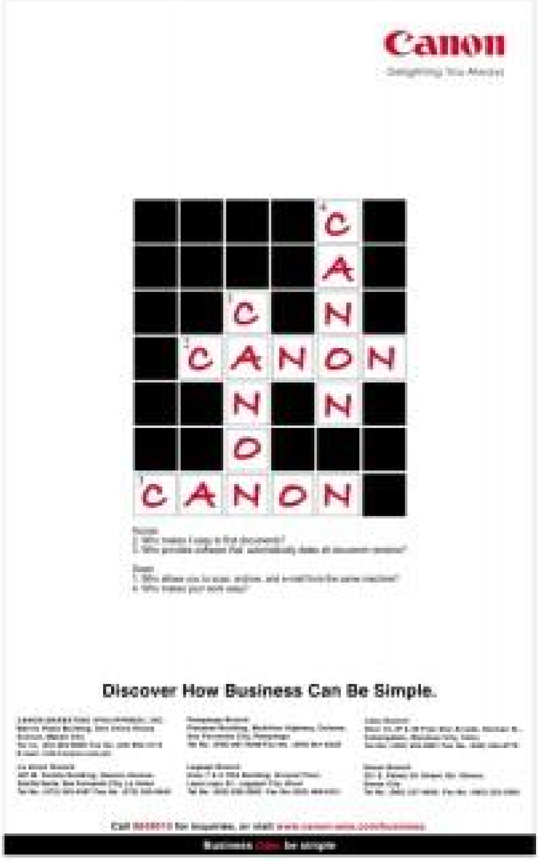
Gov't lowers borrowing target for Q3

BTr to raise P84B via T-bills, bonds issuance

Bayan eyes supplemental complaint vs PSALM



Text gaming primed for growth



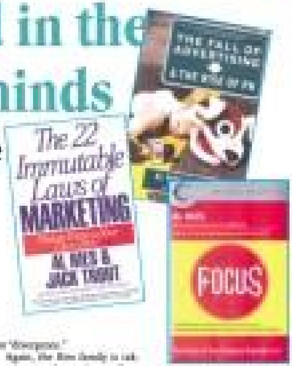
RP furniture exporters fear losing markets

Insurers seek tax cuts

BUSINESS *Friday*



Get the brand in the consumers' minds



Top authors hold sway in brand building conference

What are the long-term effects of sales promos?



BUSINESS Friday

Value-added selling urged

Franchising stirs rise of SMEs

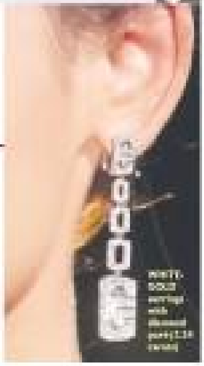
LIFESTYLE

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

THURSDAY FOOD • FRIDAY FASHION & BEAUTY



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WHITE GOLD earrings with diamond pavé (2.24 carats)

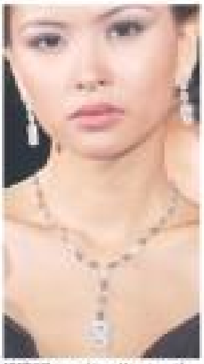
Precious curves

Bulgari's new Parentesi collection was inspired by the curved lines, known as travertine junctions, that were used to link the stone blocks of Roman pavements

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THE ITALIAN JEWELER Bulgari remakes a classic line characterized by rigid, modular pieces that were first produced in the 70s. While staying true to the collection's motif, the distinct severity of the design, however, is conspicuously gone in the 2006 incarnation.

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New hospitality school, new Japanese chef





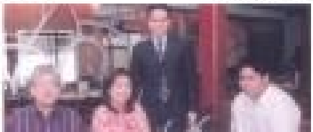




WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



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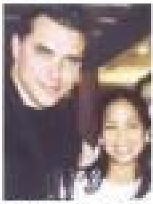




























Pinoy is rising star in London fashion

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Ryan Lim

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Mobo's creation shares the stage with underwear designed by colleagues from as far as Sweden, India, Poland and Brazil.



LONDON-BASED Filipino designer Lesley Mobo with his underwear creation for Absolut Vodka

Lesley Mobo is designer of Harrods and widely rumored to be the creative brains behind the luxury house's hit fashion line

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Ethel's journey

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Toni's fight

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Polo at Wimbledon

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Application for design contest now open

THE FASHION & DESIGN Council of the Philippines (FDCP) will begin accepting applications for the Philippine Fashion Design Competition 2006 end of the month.

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Ethel's journey

OVER BREAKFAST LAST Sunday, the first thing Ethel asked for was the newspaper so she could read her column. That was a good sign—at least she was highly spirited enough to want to read what she wrote. It was her first column in months, and it was about how she's trying to survive cancer.

LIFE-STYLED



Thelma Sioson San Juan

For the past two months, society editor Ethel Timbol has been in and out of work. She had surgery and her first round of chemo.

When Ethel was told by her doctor about two months ago that she had colon cancer and needed immediate surgery, she wasn't only depressed—it wasn't that simple. I felt like she got into a whirlwind of emotion, mood and mindset. Late last year, she thought she didn't have it because she went some negative. You could just imagine the roller coaster

Watching a friend try to hurdle cancer, what should one do?

of emotions she went through when it was confirmed she had cancer.

Of course, people didn't find it easy to approach Ethel about her ailment. In fact, peo-

TURN TO E3

LIFESTYLE



SWATCH Blue Jelly in Jelly, designed by the Blue Man Group, best known for their groundbreaking theatrical performances in New York, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, Berlin and London. The Swatch Jelly in Jelly also comes in (far right) black, orange, white, pink and (lower) blue.

Have a jelly good time

THE SPLASHED ART IDEA GOT THE JUICES flowing over at Swatch and inspired the Jelly in Jelly collection. Once again, the line represents a romance between Swatch and the arts, an affair that started in the '80s when the Swiss watch label linked up with art and fashion icons. This time, the Blue Man Group, known for their multimedia artistry, brings humor and art to the Swatch Blue Jelly in Jelly. Available at Swatch stores and kiosks and distributed exclusively by Gift Gate.





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CLASSIC black-and-white combined with geometric and floral patterns



Upsilon holds fraternity ball, induction tonight

GOINGS ON

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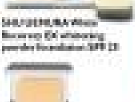
BEAUTY



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The makeup shades that we use should be dependent on the shade of our skin

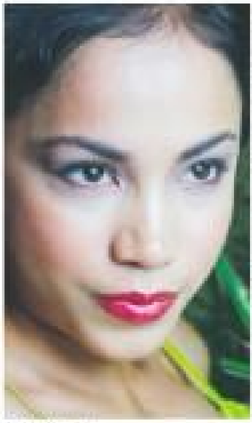
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Ria Francisco-Prieto





Flawless complexion



ORIENTAL beauty

How to conceal redness or blotches

cut & keep



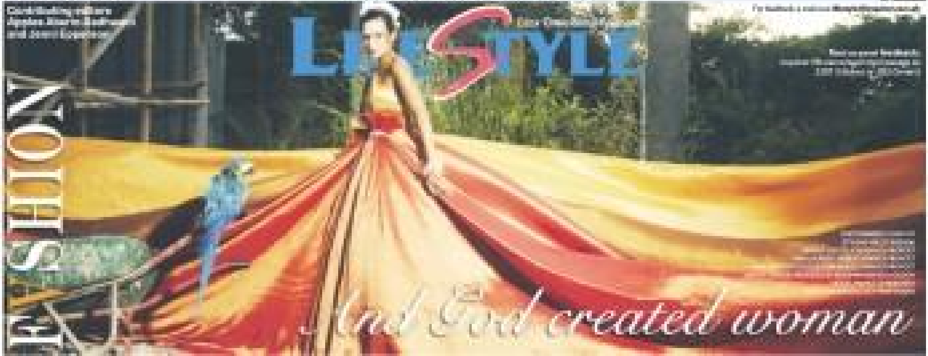
AFTER



BEFORE

New beauty tricks




LIFESTYLE
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And God created woman



And God created woman...

By Alex Y. Vergara

A BODY-HUGGING, HOURglass-shaped dress with a plunging neckline or a series of calculated cutouts never fails to command attention. So is a sheer, backless gown that comes with strategic beadwork and a thigh-high slit.

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> Beware! There's a thin line that separates a so-called sexy sheath from a vulgar-looking outfit



CANARY YELLOW [illegible]



BABY PINK [illegible]

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Blind fashion

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WHITE [illegible]



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ON THE COVER. [illegible]

Designing model

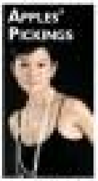
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Craftsman

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The one of Manila's top male mannequins, Antonio Garcia has forged a successful career as a fashion designer in the US

Designing model



APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani



ANTONIO Garcia and his trademark [illegible] with [illegible] wearing a [illegible] silk [illegible] and [illegible] with floral embroidery and [illegible] of pheasant feathers under a fiber of black tulle.

AFTER 15 LONG years in the US, Antonio Garcia, or Jun to his close friends, has returned to Manila to reestablish his roots and make his presence felt in the local fashion scene.

Some may remember him as a runway model who knew how to wow the crowd with a swirl of a jacket, flip of a tie or an intense stare. Others remember him as someone who looked like a mysterious Italian [illegible]. But ask him, and he's quick to say he was but a mere "version of Clark Gable who fell flat on his face."

His self-deprecating sense of humor was and still is endearing and a testament to his sense of security.

He was, in fact, one of Manila's top male models. He started modeling in 1982 when designer [illegible] spotted him during a shopping jaunt in [illegible]. In 1986, together with Manila's most sought-after mannequins, he founded PROMP (The Professional Models Association of the Philippines) and set the bar for governance of models to come. In 1987, he also won the Best Ramp Model award during the [illegible] Budgetwise competition.

His runway career saw catwalk turns for Lou Rabago, Ding Bilaro and Robert David, among others. And he walked the ramp for designers Ramon Igbrino, Gerry Katigbak, Ramon Valera, PHC and PROMP and worked with renowned [illegible] Aquino and [illegible].

In 1988, he also dabbled in fashion de[illegible] sign. His mother Rose Garcia was also a designer and a member of the PFnE so design was a natural progression for him. Unfortunately, he had to move to LA to join the rest of his family before his career as a designer in Manila could even begin to blossom.

In the US, he decided to seriously pursue a career in fashion design. To hone his craft, he enrolled at the Fashion Institute in LA. Designer Rajane Albert, who also graduated from the same school, provided a recommendation letter. He was also [illegible] mentored [illegible] Lhuillier was also a [illegible] him in the [illegible].

Asked what design philosophy he subscribes to, Jun says, "I don't have pretensions of looking at design from a very design perspective. I always think of my work as

CONTINUED ON [illegible]



THREE Hda wearing a flamenco-length gown with an upper [illegible] draped in silk, metallic [illegible] and a skirt of layered tulle and silk ruffles.

LIFESTYLE

FASHION



Rock-ology

By Katrina Cruz
Photos by [illegible]

CELEBRATING ITS 11TH anniversary, the Philippine's style bible, Preview Magazine, rocked the Saturday night scene when it recently paid tribute to Manila's 10 Best Dressed for 2006.

From a range of blacks to whites, [illegible] style stars hit the top of the charts with a bang. [illegible]

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Now that's how to play the part of a model citizen.

"No More Excuses, Philippines" is a [illegible]







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